

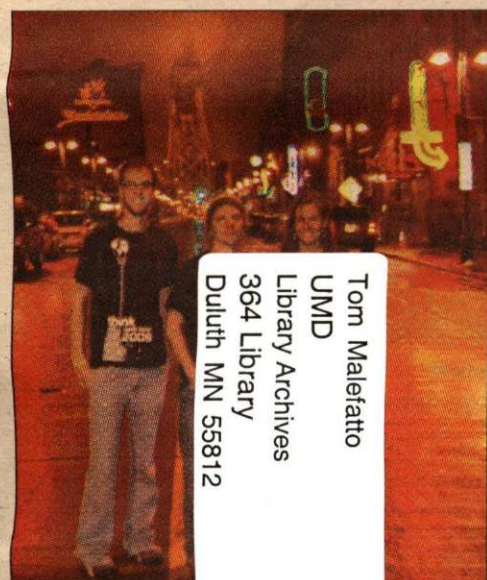
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A ticketed vehicle parked at the meters near Darland.

Parking Services now accepts online payments

Paying parking tickets becomes more convenient at UMD

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They are asking Mayor Ness to turn off the lights

The city of Duluth will turn off the lights on the Aerial Lift Bridge for Earth Hour

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The UMD men's hockey team celebrates after a big win against the University of Denver.

Bulldogs make the Final Five

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UMD students push Earth Hour in Duluth

BY DAVID COWARDIN
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Armed with a mission statement and a passion for sustainability, UMD Resident Advisors Tom Cariveau, Bryan Nelson and Lindsey Nelson have valiantly brought Earth Hour to local restaurants and businesses, integrating the city of Duluth with a larger global effort.

"It's like a full-time job," Cariveau said.

Earth Hour is a global attempt to set the world on a green path by encouraging everyone throughout the world to turn off their lights for one hour between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 28. The effort started in Sydney, Australia in 2007 when, according to the Earth Hour Web site, 2.2 million homes and businesses went dark for one hour. The Sydney Opera House, one of Sydney's greatest symbols, participated by switching off their lights. Since then, it has grown globally, and in 2009, over 1,000 cities in the world have already registered their vote for Earth Hour.

Around the U.S., large cities will be making their statements known during Earth Hour by cutting the lights on major structures. New York's Empire State building will have lights cut, Chicago's Sears Tower, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and many more. Cariveau hopes to merge Duluth with this global effort to support sustainability.

"The lift bridge is our Sydney Opera House," Cariveau said.

Cariveau took it upon himself to contact Mayor Don Ness in regards to having the lights cut on the lift bridge. Thanks to his ardent efforts, the lift bridge will be cutting lights over Earth Hour, making Duluth's voice heard in the fight for sustainability.

Cariveau also attempted to have lights cut on campus, but his attempts have been deflected due to safety regulations. He said he understands it's a safety hazard, but there are many lights that don't seem necessary.

"It's just a commitment issue," Cariveau said.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is the group heading the Earth Hour effort. WWF manager of Public Relations Dan Forman said that they want



Tom Cariveau, Lindsey Nelson and Bryan Nelson stand in front of the lift bridge, which will turn off its lights for one hour on Earth Day thanks to their efforts.

Earth Hour to be safe.

"We're asking for non-essential lights to be turned off," Forman said. "Obviously safety comes first, especially on universities, but if students come together and rally, something can be done."

And that is what Cariveau wants: student involvement.

"For changes to happen, we need to work as one," Forman said. "One person can make a difference."

Cariveau is only one person, and he has made a monumental impact already.

Even though the university has shut down his attempts, he has pushed Earth Hour to new heights in the larger community of Duluth. He has persuaded Trailfitters to have a candlelit shopping hour. He said that Trailfitters was amazingly supportive of his efforts and Earth Hour in

general. He has also talked to many local restaurants in the area, some of which will be keeping their lights on due to various reasons, but Sara's Table and Fitger's Brewhouse will be holding candlelit dinners, a great opportunity to have a romantic dinner while participating in Earth Hour.

"We're working on giving people reasons to participate so they aren't sitting in their room with every light on watching TV," Cariveau said. "We're trying to create something."

Forman said that Earth Hour is the first step, and the next step is to continue reaching out to elected officials and engage in the community. He said that WWF wants people to sit up and take notice in global climate change.

"We know that turning off your lights for an hour doesn't make a difference in long term impacts of cli-

mate change," Forman said, "but it sets you on a path to becoming green, and unites all the voices from around the world."

While Cariveau's voice is only one, it will resonate with a larger community of voices all speaking up for the earth, and warn the public of the severity of climate change.

Cariveau thinks that one hour is not much to ask for, especially when the community, thanks to his efforts, is hosting a number of exciting candlelight events.

"It's pretty easy, you just turn your lights off from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on March 28," Cariveau said. "It's contagious."

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Student Association president election nearing

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As the only two candidates up for election of student body president on April 7 and 8, Freshman Jonatan Mitchell and junior Joshua Gillson have different ideas about the direction next year's Student Association (SA) should take. The Statesman sat down with both of them and asked them

'The Mitchell Ticket': Reinventing the SA

Jonatan Mitchell is not your typical freshman.

First of all, he's 22; well past the age of your average first-year student. As the former manager of a Game Spot, he has had an established life outside of college. And now, he and two friends have taken it upon themselves to reinvent the SA.

The trio, made up of himself, sophomore Vincent de Meireles and freshman Amanda Moe, are running for SA president, vice president of Academic Affairs and vice president of Student Affairs, respectively.

They make up a sort of ticket, Mitchell said, and if elected, they'd like to increase the SA's visibility on campus, help end the tension between UMD students and members of the Duluth community at large by organizing "block gatherings," and completely remake how the SA handles its initiatives.

And that's just for starters.

"The fact that the three of us are so together on this will make it so everyone is working on the same page," Mitchell said. "I feel there will be an immediate impact."

A central policy of Mitchell's would be to establish "ownership" of initiatives amongst SA members. Currently, goals established by the Student Congress are handed off to committees, he said, and nobody is directly responsible to see them through. As SA president, Mitchell said, he would assign each initiative to only one or two members.

"That way," he said, "people would be more excited to work on their initiative; they'd feel ownership, and you'd also know who to talk to if something didn't get done."

As the current freshmen president, Mitchell has applied this concept to the Freshmen Committee, to what he said has been a great effect. One or two committee members each have taken ownership of different initiatives, such as improving laundry facilities, conducting the smoking policy survey and looking into "gender neutral" housing.



Jonatan Mitchell

Mitchell became involved in SA after attending a Student Congress meeting in the fall. He was surprised to find that while the meeting was technically open to the student body, he was the only non-SA member in attendance.

"I was wondering, if they were representing the voice of the student body; why is there not more student body involvement?" he said.

So after being elected freshman president, Mitchell began work on the Student Smoking survey. For him, the survey served two functions: to find out what students and faculty thought about the ban so that SA could form a truly representative policy, and also to see whether an SA initiative could spark genuine interest among the student body.

"It was used as an instrument to kind of test the waters to see how involved students are willing to be," he said.

Mitchell got his answer. Over 2,700 people responded, including over 1/5 of the student body.

Mitchell said that as SA president, he would like to spearhead more such initiatives to see what is on the minds of UMD students. He'd also like to make the Student Congress meetings more visible, moving them from their current location in the back of the engineering building to a more prominent large room in Montague Hall. That way, he said, more students could participate in the discussion.

"That's how government should be," he said.

Joshua Gillson: 'It's time to step up'

Joshua Gillson knows how things get done.

He was a boy scout throughout his childhood, where he learned about process—about creating something from nothing. Later on, when nobody in his tiny high school in Cook, Minn. wanted to take on student government, Gillson stepped into the role of class president.

"I was the all around go-to guy at that school," he said.

Now, after three years of involvement in the SA, Gillson feels he's ready to become SA president. He said he'd like to bring to the organization a renewed focus on giving tangible benefits to students.

"It's time for someone to step up," he said, adding that in no way did he intend this as a slight to past or current SA presidents.

Some concrete things he'd like to see include free air on campus for bicyclists, better quality fare in the food court, and what he envisions as a "big dog" section of the UMD store, where big and tall people who often have trouble finding clothes could buy extra-large clothing.

Beyond his own ideas, Gillson said he would like to sit down with students and hear their thoughts on what the SA can do to contend with "hot button issues" like the university budget cuts. He said to do that, he would work hard to re-engage the SA with the student body.

With the budget in particular, one possible way he said he might engage students is to hand off the university's actual budget to students and get them to propose whatever ideas they might have on how it could be improved.

"Some students are thoroughly content with just going to class and being done with it, but for those who want it to be more than that, I'd like to find more opportunities for them to participate," he said. "College is way



Joshua Gillson

more than just class."

Gillson currently chairs the Student Congress, but before that he worked behind the scenes in the Academic Affairs committee. There, he worked on initiatives that he said were not necessarily directly visible to students, but greatly affected them nonetheless.

One of those was an initiative to provide better buyback system for students to sell back their books to UMD stores. The initiative provided a way for professors who taught similar lower division courses to get together and agree to use certain books for an extended period of time. Because of that, said Gillson, students could much easily sell back their books, since successive classes would need them again.

That change may not have been noticed by students, however, he said.

"If you go up to any current students and you ask them about textbooks, they always want cheaper ones," he said. "Even though they're starting to get more money [from buybacks], they don't realize it."

Gillson said he now wants to take his skills at implementing real solutions to the forefront. One of his bigger organizational challenges, he said, would be coordinating the initiatives of older students with those of incoming freshmen.

"You only have four years. Now you have old students working on projects that they started with, now you've got new kids working on new projects," he said. "To correlate all of that is very, very tough."

Tweed Museum of Art named sole beneficiary of \$3.2 million

BY TED NORGAARD
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During a time of budget cuts at the University of Minnesota Duluth, the Tweed Museum of Art can breathe a small sigh of relief.

In early March, the museum was named the beneficiary of the \$3.2 million Marguerite L. Gilmore Charitable Foundation, according to a UMD news release.

"We are deeply grateful, and we honor the



**Marguerite
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memory of Marguerite Gilmore for her wonderful generosity and her deep commitment to the enrichment of life through art," said Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin in the news release.

The Marguerite L. Gilmore Charitable Foundation specifically states that the museum may only acquire art of a high quality with a focus on three-dimensional art with the donated money, according to Ken Bloom, director of the Tweed Museum of Art.

Currently the museum's collection is largely composed of paintings, prints and drawings. Three-dimensional art, the type of art Gilmore requested the museum buy through her foundation includes sculptures, artifacts and crafts, Bloom said.

Gilmore died in November of 2007 at the age of 101. She was an avid photographer and taught art and English at Lincoln Junior High School, according to the news release.

"The beginning of this project is to fill some holes in the collection of artists that we already own other work by as well as flesh out our sculpture court," Bloom said.

Even though they received this large donation, the museum is still affected by the poor economy. As well as facing potential cuts from the university, the museum is seeing less money through other endowments that have already been made.

"The economy mostly affected us by reducing the values of our endowments," Bloom said. "We took quite a hit."

Such endowments are the source of income for the museum's programming, which includes its publications, exhibitions, lectures and all activities that engage the public, according to Bloom.

"This gives us the opportunity to buy artwork; it does not pay for programming and overhead," Bloom said.

Even though the economic future of the university is grim, Bloom is still excited that the museum will be able to expand its collection thanks to the Marguerite L. Gilmore Charitable Foundation.

Parking tickets can now be paid online

BY TED NORGAARD
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There's nothing convenient about getting a parking ticket, but as of March 23, paying them became a little easier. Instead of taking a trip to the St. Louis County

courthouse to pay for parking tickets, they can be paid online with a credit card, over the phone or by mail, according to a Parking Services news release.

The reason for the switch is because St. Louis County's Traffic Violations Bureau told parking

services that as of May 31, they would no longer be handling parking tickets for the university.

"They resigned from us, so we had to find a different means of collections," said Cheryl Love,

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New mentor program could be college credit for students

BY SARA JOCHEMS
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If it were not for a volunteering Native American college student, senior Veronica Nelson would not have gone to college.

Now, Nelson is focusing on premed and hoping to someday open up her own family practice or become a pediatrician. She hasn't quite decided.

In the meantime, she has introduced a potential mentorship program for UMD. If passed by the administration, the program could conceivably become a class UMD students would have the option to take, if they so desired.

According to Nelson, the local dropout statistic for Native American high-school students is around 50 percent.

"I don't necessarily mean dropout as in leaving high school, but also transferring schools or pursuing their GEDs instead of graduating," Nelson said. "Over half are not continuing their education at a college level."

One ideal goal of Nelson's mentor program, or Engaged Learning and Mentoring (ELM), is so Duluth's youth, particularly minorities, have the option of better opportunities.

"I want to engage students to stay in school," Nelson said.

Another goal that Nelson hopes comes out of ELM is to build a link between UMD and the Duluth community. This idea is something SA freshman president Jonatan Mitch-

ell agrees and feels is important.

"SA [Student Association] is in full support of this idea," Mitchell said. "By initiative, this program will bring UMD and the Duluth community together and possibly provide some sort of small guidance to these kids."

The UMD class portion of ELM is still up in the air as far as credit amounts are concerned, which college within the university would adopt the class, who would teach this class and the exact structure of the course.

Nelson said that besides the volunteering portion and getting out into the community, there would be discussions within the classroom as well as self-reflection papers.

Mitchell added that this class would also be beneficial because it would teach students about volunteering.

"A lot of times, you find out people do not volunteer because they get uncomfortable," Mitchell said. "This class would be one way to ease them into volunteering."

Nelson hopes that by next semester ELM could be a pilot course, but in the meantime, it needs to find a home.

"For me, ELM is important because I want to give back to the community," she said, "and because it worked for me."

UMD SUMMER HOUSING

General

Residence Hall rooms and apartments are available.
Available June 5 to August 19, 2009.
Deadline to apply is seven days prior to arrival date.

May Session

Residence Hall rooms are available.
Available May 17 to June 6, 2009.
Deadline to apply is May 8, 2009.

Extended

Residence Hall rooms and apartments are available for current UMD Housing residents.
Available May 16 to August 19, 2009.
Deadline to apply is May 1, 2009.

Interim Housing for August 19 to September 3 will be available for residents with a Fall 2009/2010 contract. Cost per resident will be \$120 to be paid in August.

Information Session

Current on-campus residents should attend one session.

Wednesday, April 22 @ 2:00 pm or Tuesday, April 28 @ 11:00 am
Held in East Griggs Conference Room (P Section)

Apartments and Residence Hall rooms are rented on a unit basis only. One individual is the sole leaseholder and is responsible for obtaining roommates, payment of rent, keys and condition of room/apartment. Summer Housing does not assign roommates.

Reservation request forms and rates are available at 189 Lake Superior Hall or by calling (218) 726-7390. Advance payment of \$50 for Resident Hall and \$100 for Apartment must accompany request forms. Payments are to be made by credit card only.



WEBER MUSIC HALL PERFORMANCES

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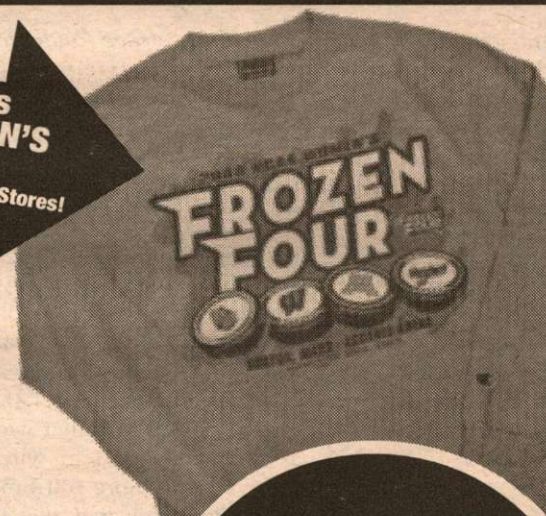
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supervisor of parking services.

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"It's a convenience to the people that are at their final day of paying and don't want a late fee," Love said. "I get calls everyday from peo-

ple asking if they can pay over the phone."

Although convenient, paying parking tickets with a credit card adds an additional fee to the ticket, according to the news release.

"There is an addition fee of \$3.50 if you pay by credit card, but it is cheaper than a late fee," Love said.

Also, parking services is giving ticketed offenders more time to pay without late penalties. Now, if paid before 10 days no additional fees will be added, which is up from the previous seven-day period.

Cariveau's tips for living a more environmentally friendly lifestyle:

Take a shorter shower—Every two minutes you save on your shower can conserve more than 10 gallons of water.

Recycle—If every American recycled, we could decrease the amount of waste sent to landfills by 75 percent.

Buy a reusable water bottle—About 1.5 million tons of plastic are used in the bottling of 89 billion liters of drinking water each year.

Soda—Utilize the food court and their paper cups instead of buying an aluminum can or plastic bottle.

Text Message—Tell your parents to get the unlimited texting

plan! E-mailing or texting from a computer uses more than 30 times the electricity per message compared to a cell phone.

Ride the bus—You can travel more than five miles on a full bus with the energy it takes to go just one mile in a car.

Exercise outside rather than in the gym—Treadmills and cardio machines use a lot of energy for something that is easily done on a beautiful Duluth day!

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Do You Agree With Robert?

When I was a child, I was known as one of the “good” kids. I was an honor student and I didn’t drink or do drugs. My parents took me to church a lot and, as a result, I asked Jesus into my heart at a young age. Even though I knew I was not perfect, I thought I was a pretty good guy. In my mind I was not heading to hell, but was on my way to heaven.

That is what I thought until I made some new friends who showed me in the Bible that God is perfect and holy. Because of this, He cannot let imperfection into His presence. These friends also explained to me that if you have done one bad thing, it is just as bad as doing all the bad deeds out there, and that I will never be good enough by myself because I am a sinner (Romans 3:23, James 2:10).

Needless to say, this worried me a lot. Whenever I thought that I might have ‘too many bad things’ in my life, I would ask Jesus into my heart again. Yet, because I would keep screwing up, I would end up asking Jesus into my heart over and over again as if Jesus was just a temporary fix.

Thankfully, when I finished high school I began to internalize other parts of the Bible that explained how God took care of everything through Jesus Christ to pay the price of my imperfection (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Even though I could never be good enough by myself, I did not need to be. Two parts of the Bible that come to mind are:

“For it is by grace [undeserved favor] you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works [being a good person], so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“And if by grace [undeserved favor], then it is no longer by works [being a good person]; if it were, grace would no longer be grace” Romans 11:6

One of the finer aspects of not being able to earn my way to heaven that took even longer to sink in was that if there is nothing I can do to earn it then, once I got it, there was nothing I could do to lose it (Hebrews 10:24). After all, if I could lose my salvation, it would imply that I was doing something to keep it.

Realizing this was such a relief! It was liberating, it was freeing and, oddly enough, challenging. I say challenging because I found that God began to correct various character flaws that I had, some more quickly than others. The most immediate change was that I was able to recognize that the relationship I had with a young woman at that time was based on my selfish desires. As a result of ending that relationship, we were both available when we met our future spouses. Another way that I have been changed is I now appreciate that as a human being I am wired for relationship. Having strong relationships will always bring more fulfillment than professional success. However, I feel the most significant way that I have been changed now is that I am able to stay relaxed when things are not going well. This is because I know that all things are working together for my own good (Romans 8:28).

If I could leave you with one thing from my story it would be this: that God has fundamentally changed my life here on Earth, and after I leave this planet. God can do the same for you as well.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, and whoever believes in him will not perish, but have everlasting life” John 3:16

Testimony Presentation/Question & Answer Session will be held in the Kirby Student Lounge on Thursday, April 2nd from 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

UMD REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FALL 2009

Registration Queue for currently enrolled students: April 13 - May 1
Contact your collegiate student affairs office for the academic advisement schedule.

Registration queue times available online....
Find out when you are scheduled to register for fall at:
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REGISTRATION TIPS:

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On this page you will find Registration Aids online. A registrations checklist is available.
- Register before the first day of the term to avoid a late initial registration fee.
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Within the UMD Registration web site the following will be accessible:

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- **'View your APAS Report'**. Review a current copy or your Academic Progress Audit System report (APAS). **NOTE: Access the 'What-if' option** within APAS to explore prospective or alternative majors or minors across campus. Contact your advisor if you have questions.
- **'U of M Class Schedules (online)'**. Review the online UMD Class Schedule for courses offered next term. Create a tentative schedule with alternative options.

UMD Change of College & Dual Degree Application process:

Any student who wishes to transfer from one UMD college to another should submit a completed Change of College form to the student affairs office of the college they wish to transfer to. Dual Degree applications follow the same process.

The preferred deadline for fall 2009: Monday, March 23rd, 2009.

However, forms will be accepted until the time of the student's registration, but the student must understand that there is a 3 business day turnaround time from the day either form is turned in at the student affairs office until they are able to register. Forms will not be accepted after the student has registered for the semester or after the semester starts.

- REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE -

Need help navigating the registration screens or understanding a course pre-requisite? Contact the Student Assistance Center, 218-726-8000, 23 Solon Campus Ctr, umdhel@d.umn.edu.

Closed Class?

- 1) Check the online Class Schedule for a waitlist option and add your name to it. Usually the waitlist is manually sorted based on priority (graduating, declared major, etc).
- 2) If there is no online waitlist available, contact the department offering the course. Read below for additional information.
- 3) If you are granted permission to enroll in a closed course, you **MUST** obtain a permission number and register for the course. Permission numbers are **ONLY** valid through the end of the 2nd week of the term.

Collegiate UMD Student Affairs office information:

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| CLA (310 KPlz) | First contact the department, then contact the instructor to find out about your options. |
| LSBE (111a SBE) | Access to all LSBE courses is managed through the online waitlists. The LSBE Student Affairs office manages the lists. |
| SFA (5 Mont) | Music and Art & Design use the online waitlists. If you are on a waitlist, watch your UMD email account for a permission number. Theatre faculty manage their own courses. |
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2009 Minnesota Cherry Blossom Princess from UMD

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Every girl wants to be called a princess, but there is just one special Minnesotan girl who can currently claim this title.

The 2009 Cherry Blossom Princess selected to represent Minnesota in Washington, D.C. this year is Brittany Valenty, a UMD freshmen from Apple Valley, Minn.

But what, exactly, is a Cherry Blossom Princess?

In 1912, Japan gave the United States a gift of 3,000 cherry trees to celebrate and enhance the friendship between the two nations. Every year, the National Cherry Blossom Festival is held in Washington, D.C., where over 7,000 people come to witness the delicate blossoms that erupt each spring.

The 61st Cherry Blossom Festival will take place from March 29 to April 4 this year.

There are princesses chosen to represent each state. According to Corey Weierke, Valenty's cousin and a previ-

ous Minnesota state society president who has the responsibility of selecting the princesses, applications include an essay about why the young woman is interested in being a Cherry Blossom Princess. The princesses are between ages 19-24 and usually unmarried.

"Each state has a society that comes to Washington to work on different issues in Congress," Weierke said. "They get together in social events and share since they're from the same part of the country."

Weierke said the princesses join each state's society, attending different meetings on Capitol Hill and meeting with Japanese ambassadors. They also participate in an annual parade and the Cherry Blossom Queen Grand Ball, where one girl is selected to be queen.

"I am going to be meeting so many people," Valenty said, about her trip at the end of March. "Girls from all over the country and some from other countries will be there."

Valenty heard about this opportunity from her cousin, who convinced her to apply. She submitted an essay about

what Minnesota means to her and what her role would be as princess, along with some pictures.

Being selected as princess, however, means she has to miss school and invest in plane tickets to Washington, D.C. With a double major of International Business and Spanish and a spot on the UMD track team, Valenty said she was lucky to find time to do this. Valenty also said she was thrilled to participate in the events, but said it was lots of money.

Brittany already flew to Washington, D.C. once to be crowned princess, and will be returning for the festival.

The highlight of the week for the princesses is the crowning of the queen at the Cherry Blossom Queen Grand Ball on April 3. If Valenty's name is chosen from the random wheel of fortune, she will be crowned queen and will participate in the parade, as well as be awarded with a two week, all-expense paid trip to Japan in May.

"It is going to be a great experience," Valenty said, excited to see the turnout of her trip.



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Brittany Valenty being crowned as a Cherry Blossom Princess.

New alcohol protocol offers a new education for underage drinkers

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Every Monday morning, UMD students meet in classes and hallways, study groups and lunch breaks to recount their weekend exploits.

Hearing stories of freshman getting wasted for the first time, police busting a party or that guy from your math class that drank 21 shots on his 21st birthday aren't that unusual.

Alcohol and drinking are often a part of college gatherings, but student binge drinking has been a concern to school officials and city law enforcement.

"The alcohol policy on campus is not effective. I don't think many people really know what it is, students haven't really been educated," said junior Kris Dubbels.

But something is different with UMD's new alcohol related emergency protocol. According to the Student Association, it is designed by people that really know what's going on—students.

The new protocol deals with medical amnesty for underage students who have been drinking and find themselves in a medical emergency.

Lauretta Perry, the chemical health educator at UMD, said that right now, there is no guarantee for underage students who have been drinking when they report a medical emergency.

"The term medical amnesty has been thrown around for years and we have found that just doesn't exist," Perry said.

There is no guarantee that you, the victim, or any other intoxicated persons won't be given a ticket, according to Perry. The situation is judged case by case by police officers, and there is no "get-out-of-jail-free" card.

For four years, starting in 2004, a group of student leaders, staff and faculty have been investigating and reviewing similar policies from 90 schools around the country and picked nine that are similar in size and location as UMD.

Duluth police officers and UMD police

have been sitting down at discussions with students, and are getting involved with the protocol making process.

Upon reviewing these policies, it was found that there is no such thing as true amnesty for alcohol related emergencies and the team made a decision to try something new at UMD.

Students like Thomas Deminico, the Student Association Better Neighbors director, and Anna Lundberg, of the Student Legislation Coalition, are taking a stand to educate students and set the bar high when it comes to a student alcohol related emergency.

"This has the potential to save lives. Student leaders on campus have been putting years of work into this to make a positive impact," Deminico said.

The UMD Alcohol Protocol is based on education, listening and taking a real, useful stance on an important issue, according to Perry.

Programs are beginning to be organized by student leaders and interested student

groups to teach other students about identifying and effectively helping a victim in case of an alcohol-related emergency.

Some efforts to educate students on emergency situations have already been made. Students in on-campus housing have magnets on dorm refrigerators that identify an emergency and encourage students to get help, one of the first steps in the Alcohol Protocol at UMD.

"This is huge for UMD. We're leading an alcohol-related emergency protocol for campuses around the state and country," Lundberg said. "Hopefully, our protocol will reduce stress for students in this situation."

If students, faculty or staff have questions, want to voice concerns or have ideas, two discussions will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Bohannon 90.

New sexual health program offered at UMD

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According to the Center of Disease Control, one in five adolescents and adults have genital herpes nationwide. At least 50 percent of sexually active people will receive genital HPV sometime in their lives.

Even more alarming, many sexually transmitted infections often do not cause any symptoms and spread without either partner knowing it.

UMD now has a new program that will hopefully inform students about their sexual health and give them the tools they need, free of charge.

4me@UMD, an initiative through the Minnesota Family Planning Program (MFPP), started in January 2009 at UMD's Health Services for both men and women.

Similar to Planned Parenthood, students who apply can get free contraception, exams, tests, including an annual exam (pelvic, Pap smear, breast exam and associated labs), testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections identified during initial exam, and emergency contraception according to Health Service's Web site.

Services that are not covered by the pro-

gram are abortions, infertility treatments and treatments for HIV/AIDS.

"The Minnesota Family Project Grant has been available for three years, with the Planned Parenthood clinics being among the first to start the program," said Sharon Anderson, a Women's Health Certified Nurse Practitioner. "These were dollars set aside to supplement the stagnant funding from the federal government."

Anderson is the head of this program at UMD's Health Services.

Because 4me@UMD is a relatively new program, many students may not know what it covers. Many students may not know that the program even exists.

When asked about the program, sophomore Amanda Sunnarborg had not heard of 4me@UMD.

"I have heard of Planned Parenthood though, and I think programs like Planned Parenthood are really helpful for students who can't afford birth control. I also think it will help young adults make safer choices regarding safe sex practices and STI testing," Sunnarborg said.

Anderson is encouraging students to get informed about the program from Health Services.

"The goal of the program is to provide effective, ongoing contraception and STI protection for women and men who have made the decision to be sexually active. Pap and STI testing can be covered if the patient's primary visit is for a family planning service," Anderson said.

Anderson also said that if a patient comes in and wants a prescription for birth control pills and needs a pap and STI testing, the labs will be covered.

However, if the patient returns two months later and wants STI testing again, or additional testing, it will not be covered because there is not a contraceptive reason for the visit.

A different component to the program is its proactive inclusion of men to the sexual health program.

Anderson said there has been confusion in the past among students as to whether these tests pertain to men too.

"Men can come in for contraception, but it is unusual that a male would make an appointment for that purpose, especially since they [condoms] are available at the front desk. A man wanting a vasectomy and that meets financial and citizenship requirements will be covered," Anderson said.

Eligible students can apply and ask ques-

tions at UMD's Health Services located outside between Lake Superior Hall and Oakland Apartments. Student can also learn more at www.d.umn.edu/hlthserv.

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HOLLYWOOD & VINE

Farewell, my Friend

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It may have been easy for students at UMD to settle back into their routines after spring break, but this past week has been a jumble for celebrities.

Beloved actress, Natasha Richardson, age 45, died last Wednesday in a skiing accident. While enjoying a ski vacation at Mount Tremblant in Quebec, Richardson hit her head during a fall and began internally bleeding into her brain.

According to "Us Magazine," she was said to have suffered from "Talk and Die" syndrome. After the fall, she was talking and joking with her family and returning to her hotel. Only after four hours passed, she complained of a headache and went to the hospital.

Starring in Disney's "The Parent Trap" and "Maid in Manhattan," Richardson will best be remembered for her work on Broadway in such plays as "Anna Christie" and "Cabaret," for which she won a Tony award.

Perez Hilton reports that she was buried in New York on March 22, leaving behind husband, Liam Neeson, and their two sons, Micheál and Daniel.

This tragedy could have been prevented if Richardson had only worn a helmet, so I urge you to wear one the next time you are heading out to the slopes.

On a lighter, though slightly more violent side of things, former Project Runway contestant and super-meanie who we all loved to hate, Kenley Collins, was arrested in Brooklyn, N.Y. last week.

According to "People Magazine," she was charged with two counts of assault, criminal possession of a weapon and harassment after potentially striking a sleeping male in the head and face with a computer.

The male was her now ex-fiancé, Zac Penley, and her weapons of choice include apples, water, a laptop and crazily enough, her kitty cat!

She was quoted as saying, "It was a miscommunication."

I bet it was! The only downside from this breakup is that the world will be deprived of a person named Kenley Penley.

Here's wishing you a pleasant week back at school, and I will see you next week from Hollywood and Vine.



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UMD students who are involved in the Service Learning Project.

Students partner with community for service learning projects

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On March 12, UMD Elementary Education majors held a "Going Green/St. Patrick's Day" themed Service Learning Project where community kids and parents enjoyed games and food at Nettleton Elementary School.

"I think I get as excited over these nights as our kids do," said Stephanie Heilig, the principal of Nettleton and Grant Elementary Schools.

Heilig has been partnering with the education department at UMD for about five years, doing the Service Learning Projects once a semester. The events are always based around science, reading and math.

The events are done by donation only and are free to the parents and children. These events have a great impact on the kids who participate in them, according to Heilig.

"Every single time the students have done it, it has been absolutely magical," Heilig said.

The project took about a month-and-a-half to pull together, said Melissa Smith, a senior. The result of the planning was a play on St. Patrick's Day that revolved around recycling.

"We went to area businesses and got donations," Smith said.

Kids who came received a gift bag filled with coupons, bookmarks, stickers and fruit snacks, all of which were donations from area businesses like Old Chicago and Timber Lodge Steakhouse.

The air was filled with the scent of a warm spaghetti dinner, and after the play, children were taught how to compost their leftover food. They were also able to get autographs from some of the UMD football team members who volunteered their time.

"The football program is always looking how to get out there and do something positive in the community," said senior Tyler Johnson, a football player who was lending a hand that evening.

Johnson is also one of the Elementary Education majors who put the night together.

"We're putting this together for students and families," said senior Katie Hoyer. Hoyer also helped plan the event and said that there were many people who donated their time to serve.

The gym was filled with laughter where kids were able to participate in educational games.

Besides learning how to dance an Irish jig, kids were also taught how to sort out recyclables and how to make books out of paper bags, according to Hoyer.

"We want them to have fun and also learn at the same time. Learning isn't always about the classroom," Hoyer said.

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OUR VOICE: Another new stadium

Within the last month, the Minnesota Vikings have reintroduced their oft-mentioned, never acted upon, request for a new stadium. No matter how a person feels about whether or not the Vikings need a new facility, everyone should be able to agree that this is the worst possible time to begin making a fuss.

Is there anything taxpayers need less right now than to foot the bill for a new stadium?

One could argue that building a new stadium does, in fact, help the economy in the long run. The actual construction would create more jobs, and theoretically the day-to-day operation of the facility would do the same, while also potentially bringing more people into the Twin Cities on days the Vikings play. The problem, though, is people are hurting right now.

This is just the wrong time to make the request, and the Vikings' personnel should have known that.

Now maybe you are thinking, "but wait, the Twins are in the process of building a new stadium right now, why shouldn't the Vikings get one?"

The issue isn't whether or not the Vikings should get a stadium, clearly the Metrodome is not a top of the line facility, but whether now is the right time to bring up a publicly-funded project of this magnitude. Considering football isn't a necessity (no matter what some people may say), it is hard to justify this type of project at this time.

It took the Twins around 10 years to finally get Target Field passed through legislature. They began fighting for a new stadium in the mid-to-late '90s, and will finally see their hard work come to fruition in 2010.

If the Vikings want to see the same sort of progress, they need to be patient. A time of economic recession is definitely not the right time to make this sort of request.

People are having enough trouble paying their own bills; they don't need to pay the Vikings' as well.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: I am appalled

I have to comment on the article against Soulja Boy. I'm really appalled that there is going to be a protest during his concert. Let's face the facts, he is an entertainer! You claim that his lyrics are sexist and racist, well shame on us because we're the generation that made lyrics like that popular in the first place. So now that he has earned fame because of us, we want to take it back like we never listened in the first place. Ok, maybe you didn't buy his album and you don't listen to his songs. Then don't go to the concert. And with so much equality in women's rights, how do you know that the women singing the words to "Pimp Slap that Hoe," Ain't singing to a man? Men aren't hoes nowadays? Women can't be pimps? Please. Do you really believe that the words in his music portray the man that he is?

Come on now, he's doing what the recording big wigs tell him so he can stay in the industry.

In my opinion, there's a group of people out there that are just looking for a reason to start some drama, chill out and let the man entertain. Save up that energy for some real issues, like how the hell are we going to pay for our tuition next year? I have so much frustration and embarrassment for the students that are planning to hold this protest, why are we not being "Minnesota Nice" and welcoming this entertainer to Duluth and UMD? For those who don't like his music, pop in your favorite CD that night and let those of us that do enjoy his music enjoy it in peace.

Aliina Charging Hawk

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations UMD

Congratulations to the UMD Bulldogs football team and the mens' and womens' hockey teams for their accomplishments this year. The graduates of UMD and residents of Florida are

cheering for you from the Sunshine State. Good luck!

Gary Gilchrist '67



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Obama's new stem cell research plan a good sign

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After America has struggled for years over the ethical issue of stem cell research, President Barack Obama signed an executive order on Monday, March 9, that overturned limitations from a Bush-era policy. The former policy limited federal tax dollars for embryonic stem cell research and basically prevented any scientific advancement in that field.

According to the American Medical Association's (AMA) Web site, stem cell research has become a controversial issue because many scientists use embryonic cells, which are commonly obtained from either aborted fetuses, leftover fertilized eggs from an in vitro fertilization or blood cells from the umbilical cord at birth. The other option is to use stem cells which can be found in adults and

children and exist in developed tissue. With the ban lifted, embryonic stem cells will be used more often than adult stem cells because of their versatility and ability to produce cells for many parts of the body.

Before the ban was lifted, only adult stem cells were used because they do not have as many ethical issues attached to them. Now that the ban has been lifted, science will expand and hopefully be able to cure diseases such as varying types of cancer, Parkinson's disease, muscular dystrophy, Alzheimer's and spinal cord injuries.

However, I disagree with the idea that adult stem cells do not have as many ethical issues attached to them just because they are obtained from developed tissue. Scientists are still removing stem cells from individuals of all ages, including infants and children. Why is that less controversial than removing

stem cells from an aborted fetus or eggs from an in vitro fertilization? The dividing line between the two is thin; making one legal and one illegal seems illogical to me.

Obama's lift of this ban will aid scientists in expanding their research and no longer limit the amount of scientific research America is able to perform. Therefore, I believe this executive order will only help our country advance scientifically and become a world leader in scientific research.

President Bush's policy on embryonic stem cell research was based entirely on moral and religious values, thus not making the government an impartial entity. When the leader of a country is motivated by personal views, it excludes many Americans and limits our country's capabilities in the field of science.

So far, Obama is doing a much better job than Bush ever did at being fair and impar-

tial and pledging that his administration will "make scientific decisions based on fact, not ideology," according to a New York Times article titled "Obama Lifts Bush's Strict Limits on Stem Cell Research." And, unlike Bush, Obama is purposefully taking a different approach in listening to what Americans want and not just pursuing his own personal agenda.

The amount of scientific breakthroughs that depend on embryonic stem cell research is vital in our country and I'm glad Obama is realizing this more than Bush ever did. All of those who suffer from life-threatening and ailing diseases have a greater hope for a cure now. I hope that in this manner, Obama will continue to look to what the public wants and needs on other future issues.

Wage disparity part of our economic problem

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American taxpayers' leering to the ever-increasing bailouts on Wall Street turned to disgust as reports came out that American Investment Group (AIG), a worldwide insurance firm, would pay upwards of \$165 million in bonuses to executives and traders on Sunday, according to a March 17 article on BBC.com titled "Outrage over AIG dominates US media." The disgust is over the use of the AIG taxpayer-based bailout, which has reached the \$180 billion mark. Although AIG dismisses the public outrage from a legal standpoint, noting that they were contractually obligated, citizens of "Main Street" and media pundits alike have made AIG the punching bag of corporate America.

Everywhere in America, average Joes are asking themselves, How can our taxes be paying the fat cats on Wall Street bonuses? To the many Americans who have either lost most of their retirement to the 5,000-point plunge in the Dow Jones Average over the past eight months or are one of the 8.1 per-

cent to be unemployed (a two-decade high), this comes as a shock. The ugly face of corporate greed has emerged, and many Americans are left feeling used and helplessly entrenched in the wills of Wall Street.

Americans can sleep a bit more soundly knowing that Obama and the Democratic-led House of Representatives have worked to reverse the misuse of bailout money on bonuses and wages exceeding \$250,000. According to the Wall Street Journal's article titled "Collecting Bonus Tax Could Get Complicated," there would be a 90 percent surtax on employees who earn more than \$250,000 at companies that have received at least \$5 billion. This precedent should and will be praised, but it falls short of solving the existing problem that has plagued the American economy, which is the coupling of stagnant wages on Main Street and the increasing greed on Wall Street.

As during any economic downturn, the comparisons of today's economic climate to the Great Depression are unavoidable. Many Americans fear the similarities as forecast for an economic apocalypse. However, I am

skeptical of America reaching another cataclysmic depression unless we impose ignorant, anti-free market ideas, e.g. tariffs. Instead, I want to focus on how today (or eight months ago), the stratification of wealth is at relatively the same level as 1929. The widening gap between the rich and poor has been exasperated by the price inflation of goods and services.

During the height of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Americans were paying upwards of \$4 for a gallon of gas or milk. The high commodity prices were ignored by the many Americans whose wages were stagnant, because they were able or encouraged to take out second and third mortgages on their houses. Many Americans are now trapped in a house that they overpaid for or in places they couldn't afford altogether. Wage growth in the late 90s and early 2000s did not compensate for the rising cost of living, according to <http://www.epi.org/>.

The current crisis was because of an increase of "fake money," or loan-based capital that wasn't adequately backed, and banks became overleveraged. Corporate America's

overdependence on the "flow of capital" through bank loans and securities has been severely crippled, exemplified by today's job cuts and slashing of dividends which adorn our media. Earnings are down because no one can use loan-based capital to buy stuff, which average Americans had done to compensate for the stagnation of wages.

I feel the current outrage over the AIG bonuses is justified, but may emerge as one of the many instances in which public furor is ignored or legally cannot be satisfied. The legalization of corporate greed through contracts is something we cannot dismiss, but is tough to combat. How do we combat greed? How do you fix something that is genetically ingrained in us? Maybe the solution is to understand that the workers are the foundation of the economy and cannot keep their capital flowing if they are not adequately compensated. It only seems fair for those on Wall Street to see a halt in pay increases when those on Main Street have endured it for years.

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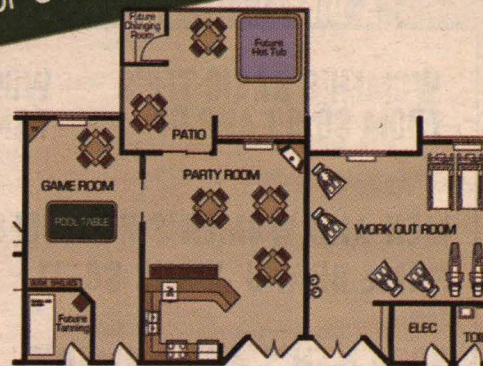
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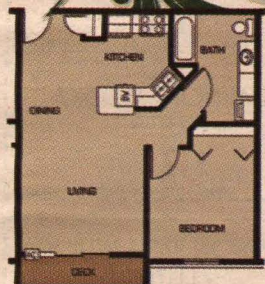
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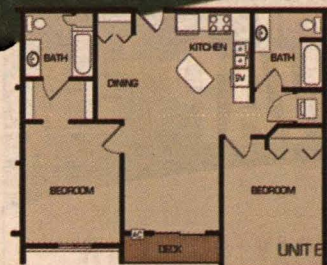


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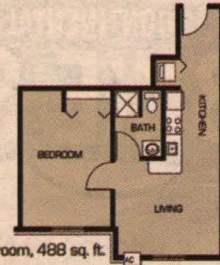


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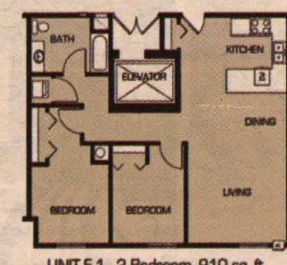
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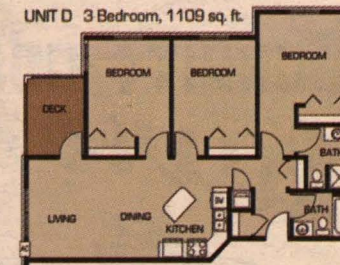
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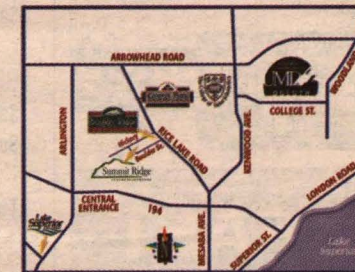
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Mushing in the moonlight with Positive Energy

BY SCOTT SCHMIDLEY
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Forty acres, three horses, and 36 Alaskan huskies are part of the family at Positive Energy Outdoor (ed) Ventures. On Wednesday, March 11, Positive Energy's Blake Cazier, a 1989 UMD graduate, and Jody Casher took student groups on a moonlight mushing trail-run that started at dusk.

"As it gets darker, the dogs' energy levels go up," Cazier said while mushing on the trail. "I guess you could say they fear the darkness."

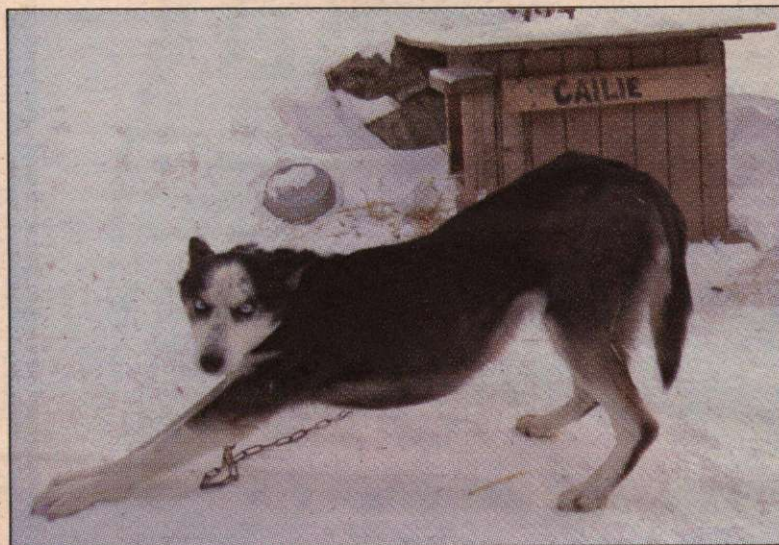
Two teams of eight dogs ran students around Positive Energy's 40-acre property of frozen bogs and dense forest just as the sun was setting on the trails. The snow was thick from the recent snowfall, which always makes for great dog sledding, according to Cazier.

The 36 huskies had an intimidating bark while they were getting strapped into their harnesses and onto the gang lines, but when the sleds started to move, their howls and cries turned into the sounds of paws in motion on the snow. The teams of eight mixed male and female huskies can get a sled moving up to 25 mph, and each dog can pull about three times its own weight.

Along the gang line, each dog's position had a specific dog sledding term to go with it. The sled teams on Wednesday consisted of two lead dogs at the front, followed by a pair of point dogs. Behind the point dogs were a pair of team dogs, which were followed by the two wheel dogs.

The huskies have a strict and balanced diet consisting mostly of warm chicken, beef and turkey. Cazier told the group that the dogs eat like Olympians, each consuming three to four thousand calories per day. He went on to say that it costs the organization around \$140 per week just to feed their dogs.

As well as fit and healthy, the dogs are highly responsive to the musher, and obedient to his direc-



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Cailie, one of Positive energy's 36 sled dogs stretches out.

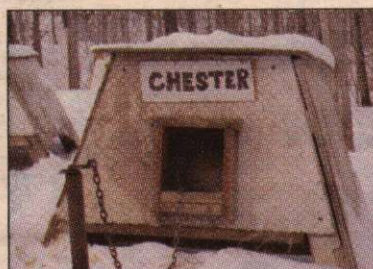
tions; they take sharp right turns when the musher yells, "GEE" and sharp left turns when the musher yells, "HAW."

"You can tell the dogs are well-trained by their responses to the commands," said Pat Most, a UMD senior and Healthcare Management major.

The dogs are well-bred too; one of Positive Energy's dogs, Massey, ran the first 500 miles of the 2004 Iditarod. Another dog, Jammass, a now-retired half Canadian Inuit dog and half Alaskan Husky, had a father on a team that crossed Antarctica. Jammass now has a special chair in the living room.

Positive Energy Outdoor (ed) Ventures is a non-profit organization that supports free and reduced price programming for local youth agencies. Alongside dog sledding, they offer a variety of camps and other outdoor activities including kayaking, sleigh rides and climbing for outside groups as well as one to two internship opportunities for aspiring outdoor recreationalists.

"It was definitely a good time, and worth doing again," said Elyse Frederick, a UMD junior, as she was



Chester keeps warm by sleeping in his dog house.

warming up after the run. While relaxing back in the cabin, the participants all agreed that dressing warm was crucial to enjoying the sport. If you are caught dog sledding without a warm pair of mittens and a great pair of boots, you may end up, as Cazier puts it, "courting frostbite."

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Senior Pat Most unharnesses a sled dog after returning from a moonlit ride around a cranberry bog.



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in 241 DADB, Facilities Management. For more information, contact Candice Richards at 726-8261, email crichar1@d.umn.edu.

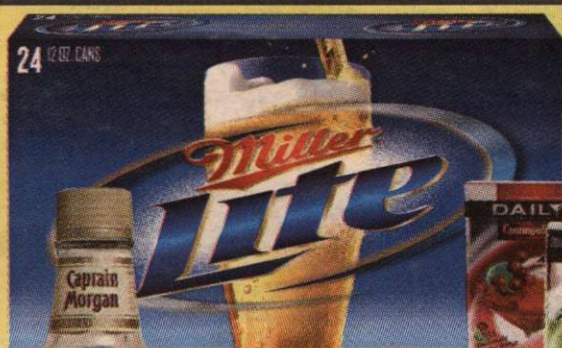
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Senior goaltender Johanna Ellison protects the net against a Badger attack.

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5:26 mark, the Badgers scored a fourth power-play goal only minutes later.

Jaime Rasmussen did avoid a shutout for the Dogs by putting a Laura Fridfinnson pass through the pipes with under five minutes to play.

Shots on goal were nearly even, with Wisconsin holding a slim 32-29 advantage but four power-play

goals ensured a Badger victory.

UMD finished another successful campaign ranked fourth in the nation and with an overall record of 26-9-4, according to the WCHA Web site. Saturday's loss brings an end to six championship-winning collegiate careers. Johanna Ellison, Tawni Mattila, Sara O'Toole, Erin Olson, Myriam Trepanier and Heidi Peltari all played their last games for UMD. As a class, the group reached three Frozen Fours and won a national title in 2008.

MEN'S HOCKEY

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getting goals from Sharp, Mike Montgomery and an empty netter from Mike Connolly. Stalock made 31 saves and chalked up another shutout in his illustrious career.

The Bulldog's penalty kill was fantastic all weekend and especially Friday. During the second period, UMD spent nine minutes a man down and still managed the shutout.

"We really tightened up defensively lately and that was probably the key to our success," said Stalock.


In the championship game on Saturday, UMD picked up its defense even more, allowing Denver

only 20 shots while playing an extremely physical style of play.

Sharp had three more goals, one of which was an empty-netter and freshman Jack Connolly added one more for the 4-0 victory. Stalock set a new UMD record with his ninth-career shutout.

"Our goal all weekend long was to win every game and that continues to be our goal," Stalock said. "We've done our celebrating and now we need to move on."

The Bulldogs travel to Minneapolis to face Princeton in the Regional Semifinals.



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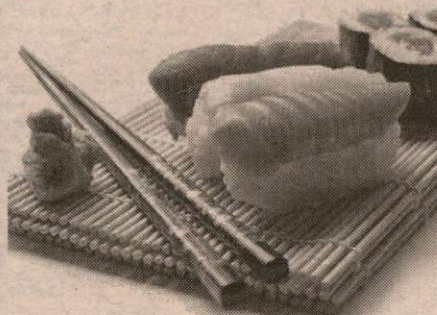
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 - 9 Fischer man?
 - 13 Greek goddess of discord
 - 15 Parcel out
 - 16 Pentathlon event
 - 17 Almanac tidbit
 - 18 "Show me" state?
 - 20 Anxious feeling
 - 22 Car loan letters
 - 23 Lunched or brunch
 - 24 Empire state?
 - 27 Painful areas
 - 29 City near Düsseldorf
 - 30 Bringing up the rear
 - 32 A unicycle has one
 - 33 Optimist's credo
 - 35 "Men in Black" extras
 - 37 Volunteer state?
 - 40 Broadway opening?
 - 42 Cork sources
 - 43 Oodles
 - 44 With 6-Down, it's "bitter" in England
 - 46 Francisco's farewell
 - 51 Leading the pack
 - 53 Beehive state?
 - 55 Not working
 - 56 Instrument sometimes made from koa wood
 - 58 Campaign contest
 - 59 Granite state?
 - 63 Chairlift predecessor, at many resorts
 - 64 Netizen, e.g.
 - 65 East Asian capital
 - 66 Trig ratio
 - 67 "Sneaked" look
 - 68 Turns (off)
 - 69 Media mogul

- DOWN**
- 1 Scow load
 - 2 First planet discovered using a telescope
 - 3 Weightlifter's pride
 - 4 Casey who provided Shaggy's voice in TV's "Scooby-Doo"
 - 5 Bugling grazer
 - 6 See 44-Across
 - 7 Common HMO requirements
 - 8 URL starter
 - 9 Push-up muscle
 - 10 They're abuzz with activity
 - 11 Gene Autry film
 - 12 Luthor and Brainiac, to Superman
 - 14 Unsettling look
 - 19 Treasury Dept. arm
 - 21 Declining from old age
 - 25 Jai
 - 26 Sicilian pastry
 - 28 Elevator man
 - 31 Gas holder
 - 34 Movie excerpt
 - 36 "Gil Blas" novelist
 - 37 Was released

By Patrick Jordan

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ANSWERS ON

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- 38 Not ___ many words
- 39 One who may converse in Erse
- 40 Failed to meet as planned
- 41 Befuddle
- 45 "The Story of ___": 1975 Isabelle Adjani film
- 47 Collection agency concerns
- 48 "It won't be long"
- 49 Gas rating
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Bulldog Rundown

BY KJESTINE STEINBRING
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Track

As spring break hit, the women's track and field team took off for Houston for Nationals.

With the medley relay team made up of seniors Kristen Haak, Alyssa Wendt, Liz Palkie and freshman Morgan Place, they were looking to win.

After the first three seniors led the team into a position of fourth place with their great times in the 1200, 400 and 800 meter legs, it was all up to the young Place to finish it off. Place ran a sub five-minute mile to finish off the race and get the team the third-place finish and an All-American title, according to the UMD Web site.

Place also added to her ever-growing list of accomplishments by finishing fourth in the 5000 meter race with a time of 16:44.60, a new school record.

Palkie set a school indoor record in her final 800-meter race of the season, finishing third in the race. Her time of 2:10.65 was her all-time personal best and was only hundredths of a second behind the second-place finisher, according to the UMD Web site.

Senior Cassie Corrigan competed in the weight throw and threw her second best mark of 52' 8.5." Unfortunately, she just missed the cut to advance into the finals.

The team will get back at it this week as they prepare for a weekend meet at St. John's.

Baseball

The men's team traveled to sunny Florida for a 10-game stretch.

However, the games weren't as amiable as the weather.

The tournament started off well for the Dogs as they crushed the first two opponents, Minnesota-Crookston and University of Charleston. Crookston was first and UMD was able to compile an amazing 24 runs to Crookston's dismal three. The second game was much

of the same, with the score finishing up at 15-8 in the Dogs' favor.

Saturday the 14th was Crookston again in a double-header with things still rolling in UMD's favor. The games were decided by only a few runs making this set pretty entertaining, winning 7-4 and 6-3 respectively.

On Sunday, Southwest Minnesota State took care of UMD handily with wins of 34-1 and 9-8.

The Bulldogs also lost to Carthage College 15-2 and the College of Wooster 5-3 in later games. UMD would face the Mustangs once more in a double-header and suffered a few more double-digit losses. The Dogs came close in the first, finishing the game one run behind, 10-9.

The team will face Concordia St. Paul on Wednesday, March 25. Game time is set for 2 p.m. in St. Paul.

Softball

The UMD fastpitch team also traveled to Florida and played 14 games.

The fun all started with a double-header against Chadron State, which they won 10-3, and the second game coming against Palm Beach Atlantic and a 3-5 extra-innings loss.

The Dogs faced Chadron again the next day in the first half of their next double header and again were able to beat them by the same score. In another extra-inning battle in the afternoon, UMD was able to defeat Southern Indiana 3-2.

Ferris State handed the Dogs a pair of losses on March 13, but they rebounded two days later to beat Central Missouri State 9-0.

In back-to-back wins against U-Mass-Lowell and Adelphi, things were going right again for the Dogs until they faced Nebraska-Omaha and lost 1-0.

They finished off the trip right with a 5-1 win against U-Mass.

They will be back in action again on Saturday, March 28, where they will face St. Cloud State for a double-header.

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Sophomore Jocelyne Larocque gets tangled up with a Badger defender.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Bulldogs knocked out of playoffs by the Badgers

BY MARK WARNER
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In their bid for an unprecedented fifth NCAA Ice Hockey Championship, the UMD women's team fell just short, losing to the Wisconsin Badgers last weekend in the national semifinals.

Saturday's matchup represented the rubber match in a recent playoff rivalry as the two most highly-decorated programs in women's hockey history met once again in the Frozen Four. Previously, Wisconsin won in 2007 while UMD took victory in 2008, with national titles on the line each time.

In addition to postseason familiarity, the teams met five times during the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) schedule. The top-seeded Badgers took the season series 2-1-2, but may have saved their best for last in beating the fifth-seeded Bulldogs 5-1 in Boston.

After a scoreless first period, penalties devastated the Dogs in the second. During over nine minutes of penalty-killing, UMD surrendered three goals that would ultimately prove too much to recover from. The first of Wisconsin's goals came on an untimely deflection of the Bulldog goaltender, according to the UMD Web site, and momentum skated away from UMD soon after.

Only 30 seconds after Wisconsin's initial score, Elin Holmlöv received a five-minute major penalty. During the ensuing power play, the Badgers scored two more goals and put UMD in the unenviable task of deleting a three-goal deficit in the final period.

Unfortunately for the Dogs, Wisconsin kept on rolling in the third. After notching their first even-strength goal of the night at the

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The UMD Bulldogs celebrate after defeating Denver College at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

Stalock leads Bulldogs in postseason

MEN'S HOCKEY

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Alex Stalock certainly picked a good time to catch fire.

The junior goaltender continued his ridiculous postseason play last weekend, leading the Bulldogs to a WCHA championship with three victories in three days, defeating the University of Minnesota, North Dakota and Denver.

"We had an incredible run the last few days ... this time of year we have to focus and bring

our 'A game,' and I think we did a good job of doing that," Stalock said.

Stalock made 155 saves on 158 shots in the Bulldog's five play-off victories for an incredible .981 save percentage and was named Final Five MVP. MacGregor Sharp, Josh Meyers and Mike Connolly joined Stalock on the all-tournament team.

Sharp scored five goals in the Final Five, including a hat trick in the championship game against Denver, his second of the season.

UMD's historic run marked the first time a WCHA champion came from the play-in

game. Over the course of the weekend, the Bulldogs went from being on the fringe of making the NCAA tournament to a number two seed in the West regional.

The Bulldogs (21-12-8) play Princeton (22-11-1) on Friday at Marucci Arena in Minneapolis. Princeton has a star goalie of its own in Hobey Baker finalist Zane Kalembe, who is second in the country with a save percentage of .935 and third in goals against average (1.74). The Bulldogs have won their last five games while Princeton has won only two of their last seven.

On Thursday, UMD built a 2-0 lead with goals from Sharp and Matt Greer. The Gophers got one goal from Duluth native Cade Fairchild in a tense third period but held 0 to win 2-1.

Stalock was fantastic in goal, stopping 3 of 40 shots. Minnesota goalie Alex Kangas had been fighting the flu all week and was replaced by backup Kent Patterson after the first period.

Friday, UMD beat North Dakota 3-0,

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